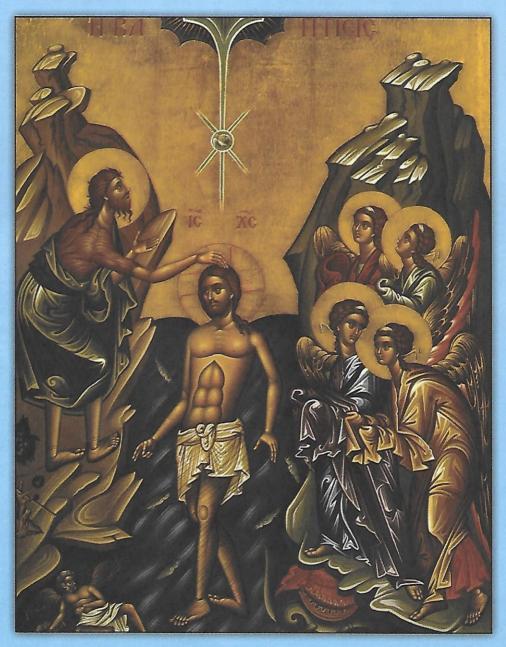
THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD, GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST



Icon of Theophany - January 6th

Let Us Venerate Today the Baptism of Christ ... Wash Yourselves and Be Clean

moved and filled with delight. Forgetting my weakness, I long to undertake the mission of the great John the Baptist; though I am not the Forerunner, I have indeed come from the desert!

I cannot restrain my joy; my heart is deeply

Christ receives the sacrament of enlightenment, or rather He enlightens us with His brilliance. He is baptized; let us go down into the water with Him so that we may also come up with Him. John is baptizing, and Jesus comes to him. Christ certainly sanctifies the man who now baptizes Him, but His purpose is chiefly to bury the old Adam in the waters and, above all, to sanctify the waters of the Jordan by His baptism in them so that just as He was spirit and flesh, those who would later be baptized might be sanctified by the power of the Spirit and by

John refuses; Jesus insists. "It is you that should be baptizing me!" says John. The torch addresses the Sun, the voice speaks to the Word. Jesus comes out of the water, drawing the world with Him, as it were, and raising it up when it had hitherto been sunk in the abyss. He sees the heavens not being rent, but opening of their own accord.

The first Adam had of old closed heaven to himself and us, just as he had seen the earthly paradise being closed to him, with a fiery sword barring access. The Holy Spirit bears witness. Here all is in perfect harmony, for the testimony comes from heaven, just as He to whom the Spirit bears witness has come from heaven.

St. Gregory the Theologian

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"Christ is Born!"

"Khristos Razhdayetsia!"

January, 6, 2019 The Theophany

THE GREAT FEAST OF THE THEOPHANY ("Appearance of God") will be celebrated this weekend, as we commemorate the Baptism of Jesus by St. John in the Jordan River. After both the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Liturgies, we will bless the water and renew our Baptismal Vows with a brief prayer service. This feast is a major and obligatory Holyday for all Christians/Catholics, so be with us on "Yordan".

ON SATURDAY MORNING AT !! AM WE WILL SING THE BURIAL Liturgy for Mrs. Antoinette Paul, mother of Dr. Debbie and Lois, faithful parishioner and long-time teacher of the art of PYSANKY TO OUR SCHOOL STUDENTS. We pray to our Loving Lord to now take dear Antoinette home to Heaven to rest with the angels - VICHNAYA PAMYAT!

ON SUNDAY, JAN. 16, our terrific Sunday School will begin classes for the spring semester. We expect that every parish youth will be present on the 16th. It is our church policy that all our parents bring their young ones to school every Sunday!

NEW 2019 CALENDARS and envelope boxes are now available for all our good people in the church basement. Please, Folks, take these items home today for your family, friends and neighbors, unless you want Father to trudge through this cold winter, catch bronchitis, buy a fishing boat and retire in the sunshine!

A FEW COPIES of Father's book "Bishop for a Day" are available today for your Old Calendar Christmas presents. You can then tell everyone you know an author on Amazon's "Top-seller List"! See Father after services for an AUTOGRAPHED copy.

A GREAT BIG THANKYOU goes out to all the good and generous folks for their fine donations to our Parish this holy season. Father also sends his gratitude to all of you, who remembered him with all your cards, prayers, encouraging words and gifts. God bless all of you in 2019!

DIVINE SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, 6 pm +Michael Glowacki (The Gretchen Family)
Sunday, 9 am For all the Parishioners
+Michael, Agnes, Donna (Maruszczak-Fonock-Bednar Fam.)

Thursday, 7 am +Roman Kruk (Mary GoJdyr)
Friday, 7 am +Dean O'Brien (Vera TrycieckyJ)
Saturday, 8 am Health of the Klus Family (Daughter Joanne)
Saturday, 6 pm +Mark Hitchens (Maryellen and Family)
Sunday, 9 am For the Health of all our Faithful

THEOPHANY TROPAR: O Lord, when You were baptized in the Jordan River, the Mystery of the Trinity was revealed, for the voice of the Father bore witness to You, calling You His beloved son. In the form of a dove, the Holy Spirit confirmed this revelation. O Christ God, glory be to You for enlightening the world by this mystery.

GLORY TO THE FATHER AND THE SON...

THEOPHANY KONTAK: O Lord, You appeared today to the universe, as Your Divine Light has sealed us forever. In wisdom we all sing out to You today: "Come and dwell with us forever."

THEOPHANY PROKIMEN: O Lord, Your works are glorious, for in wisdom You created all things.